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*Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment: 1. to build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man; 2. to give personal service; 3. to find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others; 4. to work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God. This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.*

## September 1969

### On the Cover—

Summer time is fete time. The children on the cover of this month's issue were the three winners of the Fancy Dress Competition in the Tiddington Branch fete and donkey derby.

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## Black Tuesday - and its aftermath

For all concerned with the cause of Christian unity July 8—the day of the vote on the proposals for union between the Anglican and Methodist churches—will be remembered as Black Tuesday. If all the care devoted to devising a theologically acceptable scheme of union, if all the years of consultation and preparation, have come to nothing, what chance is there of our ever achieving organic union of the fragmented Body of Christ? Is Christian unity like a mirage, a clearly visible, but quite unattainable, goal? Will the desire for unity never be strong enough to overcome either our ingrained historical prejudices or the scruples of the theologians?

Although an initial reaction of despair and even cynicism is understandable I don't believe that the prospects are really as bleak as they appear. Indeed, what seems to have happened is that those who believe in unity have gained new determination. The adverse vote has acted as a spur rather than a deterrent to local co-operation. It could be argued, in fact, that there may well be more real co-operation at the grass roots level than would have been the case had the vote gone the other way. It has at least been made clear that unity is something that has to be achieved; it doesn't just happen as a result of the decrees of Convocations and Assemblies. It may be that in this sense we shall be able to look back on the adverse vote, however ashamed of it some of us feel now, as an important step on the road to unity.

However this may be, in a great many places there seems to be a new and encouraging sense of urgency about proposals for co-operation. This is encouraging be-

cause schemes of union will not really mean very much until there is a genuine feeling of unity at local level. What is important now is that those of us who believe that the movement towards unity is in truth a response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit keep up the pressure. We have got to get to a position where we can say to the powers that be: "We, the Christians in this place, are one in spirit. Now is the time to devise structures to express the unity that already exists." In most places this degree of unity is still, it must be admitted, a long way off, but the search for it will continue, spurred on rather than discouraged, by that vote on July 8.

In this continuing search Toc H should have an important part to play. Toc H has from the first been clear about its commitment to the cause of Christian unity, and it has been equally clear that unity must be sought at local level. Toc H has provided a point of contact through which thousands of people have developed a sense of community, not by ignoring their differences but by facing and understanding them. More and more frequently, at Dor Knap and elsewhere, this sense of community has found its deepest expression round the Communion Table. This experience of the reality of Christian unity is something that we should not keep to ourselves.

Now is surely the time for all of us in Toc H who believe in the cause of Christian unity to seek to take local initiatives, or to support initiatives that others are taking. If this happens there is a chance that Black Tuesday will not, in retrospect, seem quite so black.

K.P.B.

Following the article on "Our Degraded Environment" in the July issue we invited Victoria Finlay to describe the history and work of the National Society for Clean Air, which for 70 years has led the fight against the unnecessary evil of air pollution.

Lord Kennet (as Joint Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government) said recently that the Annual General Meeting of the National Society for Clean Air had become the occasion for a sort of annual review by one of Her Majesty's Ministers of the progress being made in the field of clean air, and the opportunity for a statement of policy to be made. "It is fitting that this should be so," he stated, "because to some extent the N.S.C.A. represents the conscience of the nation. If the door against which it has pushed for so long is now an open one, this is due to the efforts of the Society itself, under different names, over many years, to convince us all that air pollution is an evil, and an unnecessary evil at that."

Gratifying words to members of a Society the birth of which was very humble indeed. It is hard today to appreciate the problems that faced the small group of individuals who, in 1899, got together in London to set up what they named the Coal Smoke Abatement Society. Not only had they to face the apathy of the public, but the active opposition of industry and even of the local authorities and the central government. In fact the Society was regarded as an unpractical collection of cranks. Led for many years by a remarkably devoted physician, Dr. Harold Des Voeux this small association with most meagre resources, gradually built up the case for clean air—a case firmly built on grounds of health, amenity and the simple economics of the costs of air pollution. 30 years later it amalgamated with a similar provincial body to form the National Smoke Abatement Society, now renamed the National Society for Clean Air.

The period from 1929 to 1939 was marked by the steady growth of the Society, especially in its influence and the crystallisation of practical policies for securing clean air.



Smoke and grime climb into the air during road resurfacing outside the Society's office.

Photo: NSCA.

putting  
an end  
to  
smog

Chief among these was the birth and development of the smokeless zone principle, as a means for overcoming the hitherto neglected domestic smoke problem. This was the inspiration of the Society's new chairman, a Manchester barrister, Charles Gandy. The Society owes a great deal to him for this brilliant (and successful) idea and also for helping to build up over the years the image of the Society as a reasonable and authoritative body.

Towards the end of the war, when problems of reconstruction and redevelopment began to be discussed, the National Society for Clean Air seized the chance to show that in housing, in new towns and new industry, and in policies for fuel and power, there were opportunities to prevent the emergence of new sources of air pollution and for making a vigorous start on the abolition of those in existence.

A spate of official inquiries and reports that began at that time, recognised the importance of clean air and for the first time accepted that something must be done about domestic smoke. With this advance in the acceptance of clean air policy, there began a rapid growth of the Society itself, especially among local authorities.

The event that catalysed the situation into the kind of action that was needed was the London smog of 1952, a disaster that was to produce much good. It was a sharp reminder of the dangers of air pollution and it led to the setting up of the Beaver Committee, the presentation of its report, and finally the Clean Air Act 1956. The Beaver Report was essentially an authoritative statement of what the Society had been saying and urging, and was therefore a valuable endorsement of its policies.

Since the Clean Air Act 1956 there has been a steady reduction in industrial smoke and in grit and dust emission, and on the

domestic side a smoke prevention programme that, although it is moving more slowly than had been hoped for, is nevertheless on a scale that makes eventual complete success inevitable.

There is of course still a great deal to be done to help achieve the objectives of the Act, both in industry and in the domestic sector. Although Greater London has almost three-quarters of its premises under smoke control, there remains a large task in encouraging smoke control in many areas in the midlands, the north and in Scotland, since domestic smoke is now the most serious constituent of air pollution in Britain. In this field the National Society for Clean Air can continue to help by education and publicity, by its publications and annual clean air conferences and exhibitions.

The Society's specialised committees are engaged in considering various outstanding problems such as the question of sulphur dioxide on which the Society's Technical Committee published a valuable report. A rapidly growing form of air pollution is that from motor vehicles and to this subject too the Society has been giving close study and must continue to do so. Pollution from petrol vehicles will be a problem for a long time ahead. This question has also been reviewed recently by the Society's report "Air Pollution from Road Vehicles" and it is urged now by the Society that some legislation should be considered as soon as possible on amenity grounds alone, in order to remove the nuisance of vehicle fumes from our city streets.

In addition there is the problem of fume and odours from various new industrial processes, the possible pollution from aircraft, and the problem of waste disposal as well as a rising volume of complaint about garden bonfires. In short, there will be much for the Society to watch even when the major tasks are completed.



Poetic justice. A coal lorry and a cement lorry collide during the last of the London smogs, in 1952.

Photo: NSCA.

# do we have to mark time?



July 19 was Toc H Budget Day. George Liddle, the Hon. Treasurer, presented the budget for the current year for the integrated Movement to the Central Executives. The statement which he presented on behalf of the Finance Committee, and which was accepted by the Executives, adds up to a clear-cut and carefully thought out policy, with important implications for us all.

For a great many years Toc H has had an annual deficit, which has had to be met by dipping into capital. "This," said George, "is neither a new thing, nor a crime. Nevertheless I am sure it is a procedure of which the membership should be conscious, and a procedure which must be controlled."

After much thought and careful calculations, the Finance Committee recommended that this year's expenditure should be met out of capital to the extent of £22,000. To this may be added £8,000 from legacies—the average amount received in recent years. "But," stressed George, "for withdrawals to exceed this total figure of £30,000 would be highly imprudent."

This, then, is the financial policy which the Executives have accepted. The amount by which expenditure may be met from capital must not exceed £30,000. This seems an eminently reasonable policy, but it has at least two unpalatable consequences.

"I must point out," said George, "that if we are to eat into our capital to this not inconsiderable extent it would be necessary over the years to run down the number of properties occupied. Investments would have to be sold each year but it would be a very bad policy to sell a greater proportion of investments than properties."

The second, and much more serious, consequence of the policy is that, in George's words, "it just marks time". "I must emphasise," he told the Executives, "that this budget does not make provision for any new work or any new ventures. Unless you can effect savings elsewhere you can sanction no additional expenditure of any sort this year unless you are guaranteed additional funds to pay for it."

This appears at first sight to be a policy of stagnation. Many will feel that what the Movement needs now is not a "mark time budget" but new initiatives and a policy of expansion. The Finance Committee, however, have based their policy on the simple proposition that you can only do what you can pay for—and it's hard to argue with the logic of that.

Those who believe that this is a time for new ventures have, however, the solution in their own hands. The Finance Committee are not, in fact, simply putting forward a policy of stagnation. The key phrase in the statement is "unless you are guaranteed additional funds". "Our present financial objective," said George Liddle, "must be to increase income." The Finance Committee are not opposed to new initiatives. They are merely pointing out that these will require additional money, and that this must be found from somewhere.

What kind of new initiatives? It is perhaps invidious to pick and choose among the ideas being worked out in various parts of the country, but two proposals were discussed at the meeting of the Executives which accepted the budget, and both aroused considerable enthusiasm.

One is the Northern Area's proposal for a breakthrough in the Rye Hill area of Newcastle by the employment of a member of staff to attempt to build a sense of community in this twilight area. This would be no easy task, nor should quick results be expected, but it would be an attempt to make a real contribution in an area where the insights of Toc H are particularly needed and it would provide valuable experience of the ways in which Toc H might be able to work in inner city areas in the future.

The second, and very different, new proposal was the plan put forward by the Old House Committee for the increased use of Talbot House, Poperinge, as a centre for Toc H contacts in Belgium. These proposals will be discussed in more detail by Jack Trefusis in a future issue.

These are just two of the ideas that the Central Executives would like to see translated into action. But both of them would cost money and the Executives have accepted the advice of the Finance Committee that they should not proceed until additional income is forthcoming.

George Liddle pointed out that "this does not necessarily mean that the per capita giving to the Family Purse must be greatly increased. It does, however, mean that the membership accept an increased responsibility for raising money for the Family".

Every year an enormous amount of money is raised by Branches and Districts for other charities. Is it too much to hope that some of this money might in future go to help Toc H itself to take new initiatives? Or are we content simply to mark time?

K.P.B.

## personality point



Photo: Skegg Blanchard

On July 19 the Central Executives unanimously approved the appointment of Gilbert Francis as the first General Secretary of the Joint Movement. He will take up his duties officially on October 1. Vera Harley will continue for the time being to serve both the Women's Association and the combined Movement in a co-ordinating capacity.

Gilbert was born in 1925 at Thurlby in Lincolnshire, and it was there that he joined Toc H. After war service he returned to Lincolnshire and became District Secretary to the Welland District. In 1950 he left the insurance business without regret and joined the full-time staff of Toc H. He served as Area Secretary in Notts. & Derby and then in the South West before moving to the South East Region, in 1964, as staff member with special responsibility for Kent and East London. He became Regional leader in September last year.

The demands of a staff job and of his five children leave little time for outside interests but he finds time to be a Senior Society Steward in the Methodist Church and to take an active interest in a Home Office probation home and a probation hostel in Maidstone.

Asked how he saw the job of General Secretary, Gilbert said that he expected to be working closely with Sandy Giles, Director, and Bob Knight, Administrative Padre. "It's partly administrative, partly pastoral, but above all a team job," he said. And he stressed that although he would inevitably have to spend much of his time at headquarters, "it is my strong desire not to lose touch with the grass roots."

The new General Secretary is a man with a wide knowledge and deep love of Toc H. His friends know that he will fill the Secretarial chair amply and they have every confidence that he will fill it effectively.

## notices

**Dor Knap.** Requests for weekend or full-week bookings in 1970 should be sent direct to Tommy Trinder at Dor Knap, Broadway, Worcs., by mid-October, please. Organisers of parties are asked to bear in mind that last-minute cancellations make it impossible to offer the date to anyone else. If they find themselves in the unfortunate position of having to cancel their booking they are asked to try and give Tommy a month's notice.

**Michaelmas Day.** The annual day of prayer for Toc H around the world will be on Monday, September 29. The previous afternoon, **Sunday, September 28, at 5.30 p.m.**, there will be a special Evensong at **All Hallows**, at which the Gloriana Choir will sing. Those intending to be present are asked to let the Vicar know, so that refreshments can be arranged.

**Beds, Herts, & North Bucks Area** are holding an **Area Rally at Hatfield Park** (by kind permission of Lord Salisbury) on **Saturday, October 4**. Full details from: Mrs. Mary Beith, 35 Longmead, Hatfield, Herts.

**The skittles tournament** will again be held at 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3. this winter and entry forms are being sent to Branches in the South East this month. Last year's tournament drew 22 entries and was won by Welling. In addition to the tournament a considerable number of "friendly" matches were played.

**Alison House.** Harold Flint, gardener at Alison House, needs help with the garden and with painting the greenhouses. If you would like to help, the dates are Friday, November 7 to Sunday, November 9: cost 35s. inclusive, from supper on Friday until after tea on Sunday. Maximum number 30. Please bring gardening tools and/or paint brushes. Applications to Joyce Green, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3. with 10s. booking fee.

The first **Open Day at Alison House** will be on Saturday, October 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. Will leaders of *parties* please notify Mrs. Brenda Fletcher, resident hostess, giving numbers.

# nurse and "mother" to 5,000

Blanche d'Alpuget



Many members will remember John Jans, who worked on the Toc H staff in both London and the West Midlands as well as in his native Australia. This article about his wife, Jean, which originally appeared in the Australian magazine *Woman's Day*, is reprinted from *The Link*, the magazine of Toc H Australia.

Nobody goes on about Florence Nightingale or anything soppy like that when Sister Jans is mentioned. She is a sensible, reserved woman and would not welcome such talk.

The fact that she acts as nurse, friend, travel agent, adviser and "mother" to 5,000 Aborigines in Victoria and is an Aboriginal herself doesn't overwhelm her at all.

Sister Jean Jans works for the Ministry for Aboriginal Affairs in Victoria and its energetic head, Mr. M. R. Worthy.

It's her job to visit the Aboriginal families in Melbourne, see that babies are going to health clinics, that immunisation and vaccinations are up to date, that chest X-rays are regular, diets are balanced and that the family understands the value of modern medicine.

This is the preventive health section of her job.

The other part of it is to act as organiser, consultant and friend-in-need for Aborigines coming from other parts of the State to Melbourne for medical treatment.

She visits them in hospital, arranges appointments with doctors, books their accommodation and travel, tells them where to shop, where to eat, how to manipulate the intricacies of public transport timetables.

She was chosen from many other applicants for the job because of her qualifications as a nursing sister and her cool-headed approach to the problems of Aborigines.

"They are no different from other people," she says simply.

Jean Jans' background equipped her well for the job.

She had a burning desire to be a nurse from the age of seven, but her hopes seemed dashed when her family moved from the Mapoon mission station in Queensland to Thursday Island when she was in her fifth grade at school.

Her education came to an abrupt halt.

She worked in the local store and kept telling people how one day she would be a nurse.

Then, in 1959, the Peanut Board made more money than it expected and decided some of the excess should go to a worthy cause. Somebody remembered the dreams of the slim, brown girl in the general store.

Jean was made the first Peanut Princess and with the title came a trip round Australia and a bursary to finish her education.

She moved to Brisbane and for two years worked like a Trojan, cramming four years'

schooling into two.

She qualified for nursing training at St. Andrew's Private Hospital in Brisbane and in her first year there caught the eye of John Jans. He was a field officer on the staff of Toc H Australia and he had a great interest in, and respect for, Aborigines.

As soon as Jean graduated he married her and took her south to Victoria.

Sister Jans was working in a private hospital when she replied to the Ministry for Aboriginal Affairs' advertisement for a trained nurse.

She is learning to drive and when she has her licence will be given a car, which will make her home visiting easier.

One of the difficulties of the job is telling those she visits of the need for preventive health and the community services—like free X-rays and baby clinics—that are available.

"I use the normal pamphlets that are produced for the rest of the community and I talk to people and convince them that way," she says.

"White people have funny ideas about Aborigines, but I've nursed both, and found no difference."

"Except I learnt that men, of whatever colour, are better patients than women!"

## doing it by numbers

A probationer was well briefed by her sponsor before taking "Light" and it was impressed upon her that to maintain the dignity of the occasion, the pause must be of a full minute's duration. "But how will I know when a minute is up?" said the bewildered newcomer — "Oh just count softly to sixty", was the airy reply.

Came the ceremony, and the first part went beautifully. Came the pause and two or three initiated members (who were used to hurrying the procedure) prompted the probationer. "Stop," she cried in ringing tones, "I haven't finished counting yet".

*An item from The Compass. May 1969*

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# obituary

We regret to announce the death in July of R. P. T. Anderson, of Johannesburg, for 25 years, until his retirement, General Secretary of Toc H South Africa.

## And of the following members:

**In May:** Charles J. Bastin (Whipton), Evelyn Lennon (Morecambe), Mabel W. Tadman (RHHI, Putney). **In June:** Leslie H. Bailey (Beckley, Rye), the Rev. Roland Braby (Haywards Heath), Montague M. Cane (S.E. London Area), E. Stanley Downer (Marshalswick), the Rev. Leonard Emerson (Maltby-le-Marsh), John H. Hill (Budleigh Salterton), Ronald N. Mawer (Laceby), Gwenneth G. Munday (Palmer's Green), Annie E. Paynter (Tottenham), Alice E. Perry (Wellington), Andrew W. S. Stewart (Harpender), A. Cyril T. Saunders (Exmouth). **In July:** Frank Bickerton (Macclesfield), George W. Buck (Kings Cliffe), Winifred Collyer (RHHI, Putney), Doris K. Combes (RHHI, Putney), Robert A. Constantine (Middlesbrough), Justin R. Ellis (Bideford), Reginald G. Harrow (Coney Hall), Hubert W. Heaton (Rhiwbina), the Rev. John Minty (Ayr), Gladys V. Robinson (Kensington).

## We give thanks for their lives.

Although the name of Hubert Secretan, who died on June 27 in King's College Hospital in London, is possibly not well known to newer members of Toc H, it is one that deserves a high and honoured place in the history of the Movement. Older members will long remember him with gratitude and affection.

If consistent adherence to a plan of life, seen clearly as right for him in youth and carried through with selfless devotion until the day of his death, is the criterion of a great life, then Hubert's life was certainly a great one, though his fundamental humility would have caused him to disown so grandiloquent a description.

"I hold very strongly," he wrote in the preamble to his will, "that the only really valuable thing in the world is individual human personality" and "... it has been my experience to see how many potentially valuable human personalities are wasted ... because either adverse economic conditions or the more subtle pressures of mass and mechanism have forced them into a strait jacket from which, if they escape at all, they emerge warped and twisted from the purpose for which God meant them." It was these deeply held convictions that shaped his life.

On coming down from Oxford he soon became involved with the Oxford and Bermondsey Club, becoming for a time its Warden and later chairman of its committee. In 1927 he became the Hon. Schools Secretary of Toc H and devoted his energies and talents to the task of broadening and extending the links with schools which Toc H had inherited from the Cavendish Association.

In 1935 he succeeded Peter Monie as Hon. Administrator of Toc H, a post he held with vision and distinction until 1940, when he resigned in order to take up a war-time appointment with the Ministry of War Transport.

His interest in young people and in education in its broadest sense (to which he believed the method of Toc H made a unique contribution) was continued until his death. He was a Governor of St. Olave's Grammar School and of the Borough Polytechnic (being for very many years its chairman), a member of the board of the Rochester borstal institution, of the Council of the National Association of Boys' Clubs and a Justice of the Peace. He was a President of Toc H and was awarded the C.B.E. In 1931 he wrote *London Below Bridges* to which Alexander Paterson contributed the introduction. He also wrote two books for Toc H—*Towards New Landfalls* in 1936 (when he was Hon. Administrator) and *The Road Ahead* in 1947. The latter, which I have just re-read, is an amplification of the ideas which he again expounded briefly in the preamble to his will—quoted above. It seems today as relevant as ever.

To all these activities he brought his outstanding gifts of mind and heart. To all those with whom they brought him in contact, his simple friendliness, his quiet understanding and his utter certainty about the things in which he believed were always an encouragement and an inspiration. I personally owe him more than I can say.

He was a Christian in a deep but not always orthodox sense. Having inherited sufficient means to make it unnecessary for him to earn a living he was utterly certain that it was his duty to be a good steward of his resources. He never accepted a salary. This sense of duty, together with his profound but unsentimental sympathy for the underprivileged, was, I think, the driving force of his life. Stricken with polio soon after leaving Oxford he suffered all his life from a severe physical handicap. I never heard him complain. The trumpets have certainly sounded for him on the other side.

A.G.C.

## HUBERT SECRETAN



"My name is Joe, and I am an alcoholic". To anybody who has attended an AA meeting, this will be a familiar opening. My name really *is* Joe.

The first question which most people want to ask me is, "How did you become an alcoholic?" Well, I would say that excess is something that overtook me on the road to moderation!

Like many others I started off with the idea of being a moderate, or social drinker. I'd have one just to be like the others. Then I found I had to stand my round. That meant having three or four where I might have had only one—or none!

I liked what drink did to me. It seemed to give me that bit of extra confidence. It made me feel at ease socially, feel that bit larger than life size.

I even thought it made me the life of the party. Years later, I was to learn that when I took drink it made me the death of the party.

That this happened to others I was of course aware. But not me, I was different. I was—worse! This was to be symptomatic, I would always be different, always immune to the consequences which befell others.

As time went on, company was to become less important to my drinking. Special celebrations or parties were no longer necessary: any reason was a good reason. Or, any season!

Soon I was beginning to depend on alcohol to give me a lift, to cure a hangover, to lift a depression, or to forget about my problems. If I didn't have any, I invented them!

I began to drink more on my own. Others did not drink, or want to drink, in quite the same way. I wanted it strong, I wanted it fast, I wanted it more, it had become an insatiable thirst. This was no social drinking, I wanted to be the last to leave the pub or club, to go on to another place, or to bring home a bottle. I began to develop a high tolerance, I no longer had the protection of getting drunk!

My work and my capacity to work suffered. I began to lose jobs, to get worse jobs, to get fewer jobs, and to keep them for shorter periods. The progression had set in, *I had the skids under me!* Then came the gradual lowering of standards, social, moral, ethical and spiritual.

Judgement and memory were impaired, reaction slowed. Increasingly, I became dependent on alcohol for inspiration and even motivation. My physical condition and appearance deteriorated, self-confidence van-



Joe Honan welcomes the Lord Mayor of Westminster at the Westminster Conference on Addiction.

ished, self-reliance drained away, and I became an empty shell—a shadow of the man I once was.

There were repercussions in my personal and social life too. My wife began to suffer financial privations. I began to feel the insecurity of never knowing whether there were going to be wages or not. To be ashamed of the neighbours, who might see me the worse for wear at all kinds of times. Fear about money, unpaid bills, rent, gas, light, food, and increasingly shabby wardrobes all took their toll of her nervous system, reducing her to the state of a nervous wreck.

Finally the break came, and she was forced to leave me. We had been married 20 years. This proved the last straw for me, with the last crutch gone I was forced to do something about my problem.

First, I had to admit that "drinking" was the root cause of my problem. I did not admit at this stage that I *was* an alcoholic, but I did agree to accept treatment in an "alcoholic unit".

Here I was well cared for: good nursing and medical care with a nourishing diet soon had me fairly ship-shape again. Then followed various forms of treatment, including group psychotherapy which I did not enjoy, and occupational therapy, which I did, and which provided me with an excellent tea table on which to share "a cuppa" with your editor.

Then came my introduction to AA. I had postponed it as long as possible. I thought that they would all be some form of drunks and down-and-outs. But, to my surprise, they turned out to be a far cross section of those I might have met in any good class saloon bar.

In the first week I met a psychiatrist, a surgeon, a vicar, an R.C. priest, a barrister, as well as several business men, a few writers and actors. You name it, and they had it!

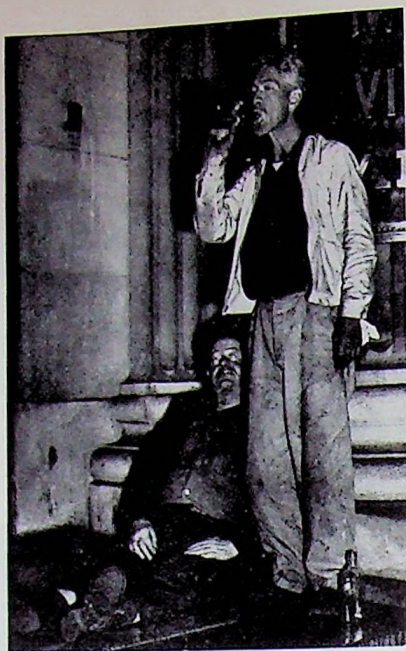
Once referred to by *Vogue* magazine as "a veritable connoisseur of food and wine", JOE HONAN, ex-restaurateur and personal friend of many celebrities in theatre, politics and journalism, now founder/director of C.A.R.E.S., an organisation formed to assist management with alcoholic problems in industry, tells his own tragic story of the downward path towards total dependence on alcohol.

## *my name is Joe*



Photo: Mirrorpic.





The end of the road. Cheap spirit. A kerbstone for a pillow, and oblivion. *Mirrorpic.*

It was here I learned for the first time that alcoholism is a three fold illness—physical, mental and spiritual—and that recovery is necessary on each of these planes. Also, **that the illness could not be cured**, but could be successfully arrested. That the alcoholic crosses an invisible line into alcoholism after which his condition is irreversible. That when this point has been reached any alcohol, no matter how small a quantity, can re-activate the process.

Most surprising to me was the idea that the alcoholic does not take any pledge, or swear off drink for life, he just commits himself to refraining from one drink—the first one; and for one day—today!

This is the famous "Daily Programme" of AA. I learned how to overcome the strength of the compulsion, or the mental obsession, by placing my problem in God's hands each day, and by trying to do His will for that day rather than always seeking my own way, in my own selfish fashion.

I learned that I had become the kind of person who had to drink in order to live. Now I had to re-learn how to be the kind of person who could live, and cope with life's problems, without the necessity of drinking. To do this, it was suggested that I seek out the things in my life which caused me misgivings or uneasiness, and try to root them out or else put them right.

These were pretty funny blokes, they even insisted that I would not be able to remain sober very long unless I paid all my debts. But I tried it their way, because I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. So that after a while I gradually got around to doing most of the things they suggested, only to find that I no longer had anything to run away from, I had broken free!

As I write there is a cellar full of booze here beside me. I have full and free access, but today it has no power over me. At last I am truly *free*, I have regained the freedom of choice, and am no longer subject to the domination either of the compulsion or of the obsession.

Now, I'm not a great guy for religion, and don't know anything to speak of about philosophy, theology, or even the terminology of these subjects with which to express my exact meaning. Therefore, it is most unlikely that what I'm saying is in any way representative of any particular sect or denomination. But, I have reason to believe, and my reason transcends that which is written in books, but is nevertheless in accord with the Christian way of life as I understand it. I know that I was created by God, for His purpose. I know that part of that purpose is that by the use of the God-given faculties of body, soul and mind, and with the exercise of "free will" I can accomplish God's design and my own destiny. Having been created by God, I am totally dependent on Him. Therefore I am a dependent being, and if I seek to disavow this dependency I must of necessity seek some other source on which to place my dependency. I chose alcohol for what it could do for me; it appeared at first to meet my need, but it only made me more helpless and dependent, until a stage of total dependency was reached. I had to return to my dependency on my Creator, and make acknowledgement of this, in order that the sources of Grace and power would once again become open to me.

Nowadays, I do not say I believe this or that: I say "this I know"! I know it beyond any argument or discussion, because I've tried all the alternatives, and found by practical experience that not only do they not work as well, but that they do not work *at all*.

The sum total of my knowledge in this respect, after half a century of study and search—the Sunday School teacher was RIGHT after all!

## NEXT MONTH INDUSTRY AND THE ALCOHOLIC

# "IS TOC H DEAD?" - readers respond to the first of Simon Allard's two articles.

At the risk of being premature I reply to Simon Allard's article asking that Toc H should be a frontier Movement. I'm afraid that if we remain true to our principles this cannot be—at least not without throwing overboard the third point of our compass, fairmindedness.

For instance, I have been in touch with a group of people—not police—concerned with crime and punishment. Having studied the figures of certain premeditated crimes they have reached the firm conclusion that if sentences were much more severe crime and the number of criminals would fall off considerably. Others I have met, friends and relatives of the victims of crimes of violence who are deeply touched by the ruined lives of those near to them, feel strongly that grants from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board are not the answer, but that the criminal himself should be ordered to pay heavy damages to his victim as some amend for the wrong done.

At the same time it so happens that I am a member of the county group of volunteers for prisoner after-care whose sole concern is to ease the lot of prisoners. This group feels that long sentences make rehabilitation more difficult and that prisoners should receive financial aid, on the completion of their sentences, to help them start life again.

Should a Toc H member, having learned to think fairly, support all or none of these points of view? Should he advocate resettlement grants and then see that they are used to pay compensation to the victims? Or should he be really positive and protest in true fashion with placards, marching with head lowered, baying like cattle, and dribbling slogans for all three points of view?

No, I can never see Toc H as a frontier Movement in this sense. Though local Branches, rooted in the community, after serious thought, are quite capable of taking a stand for local needs. And it should even be possible in some cases for general principles to be laid down nationally for local interpretation. But national unified action—if we are to retain a fairminded

approach—could only be undertaken after an enquiry that would make the findings of a Royal Commission look like a snap decision.

*Norman Chidley      Loughton, Essex.*

Well done, Simon Allard! The middle-aged and middle class dreamed their dreams of youth, and have not lost their vision, only their drive. By and large we are not now fit to lead, but should make good followers.

Will the younger people please take over.

*George Fitter      Weybridge.*

Simon Allard's article really gripped me, as I have had similar thoughts for some time, and having met him at Dor Knap when he was in the Western Area I believe him to be sincere and not at all a pessimist. I too, believe in Toc H, otherwise I would not have spent so much of my spare time on its work and business, but we must face facts and take a hard look at ourselves if we are to compete with an ever-changing world and the challenge of today.

We are an elderly Branch, and for a long time I have tried to stir the thoughts of our members to the danger of extinction through retirement and other causes, with little success. But we are now beginning to face the situation and see that it is high time we sponsored a new Branch of younger members, not attempting to bring them into our bald and grey-haired variety, however valuable they have been in the past. Let them make mistakes for themselves and so grow in stature.

*Don Davis      Gloucester.*

Isn't there a little too much gloom and despondency over the future of Toc H? Where is our faith? Don't we believe in the spirit of Toc H any more? Toc H as a frontier Movement is still alive.

It is said we face extinction unless we make major policy changes and become

really genuinely involved in meeting human needs. Improved communications have spotlighted the stark realities of man's inhumanity to man as never before. If Toc H is virtually non-existent in our cities, where social injustice is seen most sharply, then it is high time we did something about it. We seem to be searching for a cause to which we can rally our Movement. The high-sounding phrase "the Kingdom of God in the hearts and wills of men" is surely a supreme cause. Translated into action it means, among other things, fighting social injustice. In establishing Toc H in the cities, those on the spot can begin to meet the need only if the rest of us are behind them. How do we begin? I suggest from where we are, by taking a good long look at our Branch life. Informality is no excuse for inefficiency. We must put our house in order by aiming to get our priorities right, looking outward beyond local needs then, having taken stock of our resources, however small, offering them towards the common effort. Perhaps more Branches would then be able to say, "drop us a line if you want some action".

If we want to recruit more staff we must offer better salaries. Having seen the staff salary scales for the first time, some of us are appalled at the way we have treated our Women's Association staff, and we are relieved to know that in future their salary scale is to be the same as the men's.

*Winifred E. Osborne      Taunton.*

## "If the women take over..." - a selection from the many letters received in response to Harold Sherriff's letter in July.

Harold Sherriff is not the only member anxious about the fact that the women may run the Toc H of the future.

A South Western male member, with many more years' experience than me in the ways of Toc H, said recently that the women will take over "by default of the men".

It is high time we used our joint talents, not necessarily at Branch level, and worked together in explaining the Movement in word and deed to the rest of the membership and the world. If we are seen and known to be on to something worthwhile, then more men will want to join us.

Anne Evans

Dorchester.

Surley the days of jokes about petticoat government are outdated. To stress rivalry of any kind between us leads only to disharmony. During my four years on the Central Executive Committee the problems of integration were well and truly thrashed out. Now it is up to us all, men and women alike, to gain more members of a Movement which we believe has much to offer in this modern world.

Kathleen N. Wray

Nottingham.

Oh fie! fie! Harold Sheriff. Perhaps you have unwittingly provided a reason for the question on the cover of *Point Three*, July, "Is Toc H dead?" Yes, may God help the chaps who think like you, for they need it and certainly cannot be considered the backbone of Toc H.

Get off your little pedestal, friend: give the women a big welcome and yourself a boost. The family of Toc H—what's a home without a MUM?

Arthur Betsworth

Ashstead.

When Toc H was founded, as I've understood it, it was for those who had used the Old House, including a few women who were in the Salient. When our women's Branch was formed in Chelmsford it was Tubby himself who urged its formation—I know, I was there. This, however, is beside the point that I want to make. I don't think anyone who is concerned for the future of Toc H wants "the women to take over the helm". What we want is a partnership, with a family feeling, where men and women work together, play together, plan together and pray together.

Janet Rauch

Chelmsford, Essex.

In 1927 Tubby wrote the following: "My own view, therefore, is that to build Toc H solely as a society for men

would be to put the clock back hopelessly. I do not think that God intended this. It would no doubt be easier, but ease is no indication of His will."

The women of the Sussex South-down Joint District were appalled at the ignorance of Harold Sherriff, and we would dare to suggest that he reads Appendix IV (sections b and f) of *The Curious History of Toc H Women's Association*. If he is unable to obtain a copy I am willing to provide one for his use.

Molly Williams

Brighton.

### Too much busy-ness

Toc H is a Christian Movement and as such members should seek, through prayer and study of the Word, to deepen their commitment to Christ. After all, He is or should be the inspiration of all Movements which bear His name. There is always the danger of being caught up too much with busy-ness (like Martha) to find time to listen. In the Gospel it was Mary who was commended by Christ for "choosing the better part", so that if we would seek to do God's Will we should wait upon Him in prayer and then we should be strengthened to go out and serve Him. It is useless to expect machinery to function without oil and in this case the oil for the working is prayer. If we get our priorities right we shall be on the way to a better understanding of what God's Kingdom is all about.

Joyce Francis

Huddersfield.

### "A Councillor Speaks" – June issue

Allow me to assure Pat Turner that she was certainly not "the only intelligent one" at the Central Council. Heaven forbid! The article gives the impression that it takes courage to speak at the Council, even if one has nothing to say. Believe me, it takes more, and certainly more self-control, not to voice one's opinion of the uninformed spouting about the irrelevant. Already too much time had been wasted discussing the corporate identity question, which, after all, was designed, accepted and produced. Obviously only a minority were going to need a little time to adjust to it. Compare the time devoted to this with the pitifully short time allowed to John Mitchell and others

who tried to achieve positive action against the inhumanity shown to gypsies.

Vera Livsey

Colne, Lancs.

### Overseas Contacts

I wonder how many Branches have at least one member who enjoys writing letters? Branches so blessed would surely find it rewarding to maintain regular (but not necessarily frequent) contact with a Branch overseas, or in another part of the U.K. An exchange of news about jobs done, programmes enjoyed, successful ways of attracting newcomers, would enrich both Branches.

I know this is not a new idea, but it seems to me an old Toc H practice worth reviving. Names and addresses of overseas Branches can be supplied by the Toc H International Office, Crutched Friars House, London, EC3 and those of U.K. Branches by headquarters, to any Branches wanting to have a go.

Yvette Frymann

Nottingham.

### News Service for the Blind

*Point Three*, June, reported yet one more effort to bring local news to the blind. A number of groups have been doing this in various parts of the country, and the project is to be commended. Nevertheless, whenever I read of this I find myself saying "why ever don't they (those who go to the home with the tape recorder) do the reading?" The current practice would seem to involve considerable time and to be less effective than something much simpler. To take the actual newspaper and read from that would ensure that the listener heard the news of his choosing and did not have to give ear to much on the tape that he didn't want. It must be even more difficult to select local news than national.

Some people may give as the reason why they prefer to offer material that has been taped by the "expert" that they cannot acceptably read aloud, but you know it isn't really beyond them to give an adequate performance. And if they don't manage it after a few attempts then we're spending too much on education!

J. Douglas Kirkpatrick

Malvern.

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## A koinda serrimmunny

This amusing and imaginary conver-  
sation between two yokels was prepared  
by Charles Potts, Regional staff, for *The  
Martlet*, the magazine of Sussex Area.

So oi arsts moi mite Bert wot works wiv me if  
eed loiker cummer Toc H ternite. Wot the  
ells Toc H ee arsts? Well bicycly oi ses its  
blokes wot get tergither. Loik in a pub ee  
ses? Nar oi ses in a room where they as a  
meetin. Wot they wanna meet for ee ses?  
Ter plan a job oi ses. Loik robbin a bank ee  
ses? Nar nuffink loik that oi ses, sumfink  
loik pynetin a wall for a bloke. Loik rood  
words on a wall ee ses? Nar oi ses not that  
koinda pynetin, dekkerytin for a bloke wots  
too ole or too dodgy a be ibler do it issell.  
Izzat orl wot Toc H is ee arsts? Nar oi ses we  
loits a lamp. Woffer ee ses aint they got  
leckricity? Yus oi ses course they got  
leckricity but they puts it art when they loits  
the lamp. Sounds darf ter me ee ses. Nar oi  
ses its koinda serrimmunny when they  
remember blokes wots dead. Loik Itler ee  
ses? Nar oi ses not blokes loik im, good  
blokes. Well ee ses oi spose theres no arm  
in that but it aint moi loin ee ses anywise oi  
gotta dite wiv a skirt ternite. (Oil arst im  
agyne some uvver toim if you fink its worf-  
woil?)

So oi arsts Bert agyne if eed cummer Toc H  
this toim, an ere ee is. Funny fing as we wos  
walkin ere we saw an ole lydie slip on the  
pivement an fall a wopper. Bert ee jumps  
forard loik a grye-arnd art o the starting box  
an ee grabs the ole gal an liffs er up. Woil  
ees still oldin er she starts borlin at im: "Wot  
the ell dyer fink yore doin? Oi can look  
arter meself". Bert ee juss grins an picks up er  
bag wot she dropped an ands it to er. She  
snatches it orf im, an orl the toim she's  
ollerin at im: "Oi dont need no elp from the  
loiks o you," she says. "Thats orl roit, Ma,"  
says Bert, "dont you worry. Sure yerl be oh  
kye now?" "Oi aint your ma," she says:  
"clear orf an leave me alone. Wocheer fink  
you are, a blinkin boy scart?" An she goes on  
ollerin arter us woil we walks on. "Pore ole  
gal," Bert says, "she was proper shook up,  
no wunner she was upset. She's got er proud  
too. Doesn't loik ter feel she's depennent on  
anybody.—Pore ole gal, she's loik my ole  
mum when oi troys ter elp er in the kitchen, an  
she tells me ter git arter the loit cos oim ony a  
darn noosance. Ye've gotter see their pint of  
view". (Well, oi spose thats what we call  
finkin fairly in Toc H. Mebbe Bert'll mike  
a good member one dye!)

## newspoint

### Hospital Volunteers' Information Service Starts

The King Edward's Hospital Fund for London have announced the setting up of a voluntary service information office for a limited period on an experimental basis. The office will act as a source of information on the ways in which the help of volunteers can be used in hospitals. The main aims of this new service are to collate information on existing schemes of voluntary help; to provide information on the various methods of making effective use of voluntary help; and to prepare guide material on methods of recruiting, use and support of volunteers. Any Branch wishing to use this service should write to: Mrs. E. M. C. King, King's Fund Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London, W1H 6AN.

### GOLD AWARD FOR TOC H SCOUT

20 year old Paul Richards from the 18th Swindon Toc H Scout Group went to Buckingham Palace in July to receive his Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. To qualify he gave instruction in horse riding, played the trumpet in the Scout band and organised Cub activities.

### Danger!

A farmer, frenzied by repeated invasion, is said to have put up a board which read "Dangerous Bull. Adders, unexploded shells, patrolling dogs, quicksands, collapsing masonry. Ground contaminated by lethal sprays. No smoking within 500 yards. KEEP OUT". The notice drew a record crowd.

*From the Harpenden Branch Newsletter*

Tolworth members discuss the appeal. Facing the camera at left is Cecil Rogers, Branch chairman.

*Photo: George Bull*



## TOLWORTH AMBULANCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Pedestrian rescues elderly passengers

The ambulance owned by Toc H Tolworth caught fire in Kingston-on-Thames early in July. In addition to the driver, John Fox, there were five old people—members of the Kingston Guild of the Crippled returning from their fortnightly meeting—in the ambulance at the time. Although all six were taken to hospital and treated for shock none of them were hurt. The van, however, was completely burnt out. It was a miracle that the passengers were able to get away from it. A greater tragedy was averted by the prompt action of an unknown man who battered in the rear door and dragged the elderly passengers to safety.

The Branch are hoping that the

widespread public sympathy aroused by the disaster will provide a spur to the campaign for funds for a replacement that was launched some months ago. A new ambulance, which will cost about £1,500 is now, obviously, an urgent need.

Already support has been forthcoming from a great many sources. At a blind club meeting members insisted on emptying their pockets of all loose change, and the result was £5 towards the fund. One Branch member went shopping and when he got home he found a £1 note among the goods he had bought. He went back to the shop to return it and was told: "That's for your new ambulance."



# Symbol discussed in Hitchin

Bob Wise

On Sunday, June 13, 18 members from the Bedford & North Herts Joint District met at Hitchin for a seminar on symbols in Toc H.

There was a consensus of opinion that symbols were necessary for publicity and recognition, that whatever form a symbol took it should always be used in the same way, conforming to a set pattern of design, and colour where appropriate, and that the symbol should be as widely used as possible.

During one session groups set themselves the task of designing a symbol for the integrated Movement and discovered at first hand how difficult it was to design a symbol that said all that one wanted it to say in the manner best calculated to evoke recognition, understanding and response. Rough—they could not come much rougher!—drawings showed a variety of ideas, from a rather hermaphrodite looking head, labelled “everyman”,

through various sources of light—one was an Olympic torch, another an electric light bulb—to a Cross set against a globe.

The final session was devoted to consideration of present practice in the commercial field and to the new presentation of the symbol of Toc H. The care and attention given to the use of logotypes in the world of business, from the design stage to reproduction and use, was stressed. There were some mixed feelings about the new form of the Toc H symbol but it was appreciated that a symbol had been evolved which to some expressed more dynamism than did the old forms. Generally it was felt by those present that as the new form became more widely known it would be accepted but it could not be stressed too strongly that it should always be presented in the same way, in the same colour, and as often as possible.

## Game to the Last

Extract from a letter received at H.Q. “It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of ..... former Secretary of ..... Branch. He passed away on May 20. I apologise for the delay.”

## Wessex Pioneers could win Lord Mayor's Award

The Wessex Pioneers, who were formed in association with Toc H Weymouth, have a chance of winning an award in the Venture 69 competition launched by the Lord Mayor of London. The Pioneers were the winners of the competition in their area and their entry has been forwarded to the final adjudicating panel in London. The competition, for which several other Toc H groups have also entered, is for groups of young people giving community service.

## FIRST MEMBER IN THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS

William Misi, a member of Kennington (London) Branch, has just returned to his home in Tonga. He lived in Mark XIII—the Brothers' House—for a year while on a training course in printing. He is believed to be the first Toc H member in the Friendly Islands.

## Drink your coffee and keep the cup

“Come and drink coffee out of a Wedgewood beaker—and then take it home with you.” This was the gimmick which drew over 200 people to a coffee evening at Gladstone House organised by Merseyside Branches. “It was a crafty move, too,” says our correspondent, Doris Longley, “for there wasn't any washing up to do.”

The coffee evening was to raise funds

## BUCKINGHAM'S LOLLIPOP MEN

Buckingham Branch have been increasingly concerned about traffic congestion in the town and have decided to form a road safety patrol to help children and elderly people to cross the roads. The police have raised no objection to the scheme and it is intended that a rota of members and friends will be on duty at the two busiest crossings for several hours each Saturday. Special arm bands are being made for these Toc H “lollipop men” and as soon as these are ready the scheme will be put into operation. Who said it was difficult to find worthwhile jobs these days?

## “Martha” has busy week in Morecambe

### Harold Speight

“Martha” the Migrant Minibus recently spent an active week based on Morecambe. Multiple sclerosis patients were taken to Grange-over-Sands and then to Arnsdale for a picnic by the estuary; a group of spastics were taken to Fleetwood; home-bound people were taken for a trip round the bay; and a party of disabled people were taken to St. Anne's-on-Sea. Saturday was Carnival Day in Morecambe and “Martha” joined the procession, dispensing drinks to exhausted collectors and giving lifts to young Morris dancers who could not stay the course.

## Was their Lamp red?

Howard Hall, the Kent HAT, writes: “On going through the accounts of the women's Branches I have discovered in one which shall be nameless an item of income ‘money from men – £12’. Should one applaud this as the supreme sacrifice in aid of the cause, deprecate it as going rather too far, or merely raise the eyebrows and say no more?”

# THEY RAN FROM LONDON TO ROTHERHAM

The members of Kimberworth Toc H Youth Action group in Rotherham presumably look on sponsored walks as kids' stuff. At any rate they recently



completed a sponsored run. Each runner ran five miles, accompanied by another member on a bicycle, and then retired to the van which followed them for a well-earned rest while the next runner took over. The runners started from Tower Hill, where Sandy Giles, Director of Toc H, was present to wish them good luck, and they completed the course of 185 miles in 25 hours, 25 minutes, reaching Rotherham in the early hours of Sunday morning. 10 runners did three 5 mile stints and one 2½ mile stint each. The reserve runner did two 5 mile stints and most of the cycling as well. Two other members drove the van.

The run raised £90 towards the cost of a week's camp for children organised by Youth Action during August. It seems that they are pretty well inexhaustible in Kimberworth for that Sunday evening all the runners dragged themselves out of bed to run a coffee evening cum concert which was also designed to raise funds for the camp.

Roger Brooks, Teen scene columnist for the *Rotherham Advertiser*, wrote "they were happy with their feat"—He can say that again!

## "MEDALLING" WITH THE TRUTH

Harry Gee from Loughborough, former H.A.C. for East Midlands, sends us this amusing story of the early days.

In 1926 a young clergyman asked me if I would like to attend a meeting at the Leicester Toc H Mark to see the presentation of the V.C. to the Major. How could a young man fresh from school, who had heard stories of heroism in the first World War, resist such an invitation?

The meeting was well attended, the speaker inspiring, the "jobs" worthwhile. I decided to go again.

Oh yes, the presentation. The Major was Mr. Green, Major-domo of the house, the V.C. was the vacuum cleaner being supplied to him by the house committee and the young clergyman was the late Rev. Hugh Sawbridge. But the ruse had worked.

## Poem raises £5 for spina bifida children

Mrs. E. Clarke of West Wickham (W.A.) Branch writes to tell us that there have been many requests for copies of the poem "I'm very well, thank you", which was printed in *Point Three* in March. As a result over £5 has been raised for children suffering from spina bifida. One of Mrs. Clarke's correspondents gave the name of the author of the poem—the Rev. Dr. Sir Irving Benson, CBE, one-time Padre of Toc H Melbourne.

## A DEAD LOSS!

This extract from a Kent newspaper is a typical example of many received from areas where Branches do not engage in regular press relations.

*"Toc H held a meeting of a general nature on Tuesday, with some of the members going to the churchyard to tidy up the grave surroundings and cut the grass . . . ."*

There is a first class booklet called "effective press relations" available from the editorial office. We urge all Branches to obtain their FREE copy now, before it's their own grave which is being tidied up.

## Presentation of new "Meals on Wheels" Van

Doreen Westland

Medway (Kent) District recently presented the Gillingham WRVS with a new Ford escort van to enable them to continue their valuable voluntary issue of hot meals to elderly and housebound people in the town.

The purchase of this vehicle was made possible by funds raised by Toc H, together with a very generous donation from a local ladies' church group and a good trade-in price for the previous van, which was also provided by Toc H, and was presented by the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

## Sponsored cycle ride

More than 80 young people recently took part in a 60 mile sponsored cycle ride, from Alfreton to Buxton and back. The ride was organised by members of the Congregational youth club in Alfreton, partly to raise funds for the club and partly in support of the appeal by Alfreton Toc H for funds to buy a minibus for the Ridgeway Hospital in Belper.

## Birthday party for the handicapped

Kingswood (W.A.) Branch recently celebrated their 20th birthday by entertaining a party of handicapped people. Despite its small size the Branch has done a great deal for the physically handicapped and recently presented two wheelchairs to the Bristol Handicapped Club in memory of one of the Branch members who was herself handicapped.



## picture point

Punch and Judy shows still fascinate the kids even in the television age, as this picture (left), taken at the Farnborough Hospital Fete, clearly shows. Green Street Green and Coney Hall Branches helped with the side shows at this well-supported fete, which raised a total of £800.

*Photo: Kentish Times*

The spirit of Britain's long, hot summer is caught in this picture (right) of the Uckfield Branch barbecue. The 70 people present were able to enjoy motor boat rides, rowing, darts, bowls and quoits as well as "bangers".

*Photo: Kent and Sussex Courier.*



Left. In a Radio Luxembourg studio Jimmy Savile and 13 year old Sian Evans, from the Grove Park school for handicapped children in Kinsbury, London, design their entry for the British Safety Council's competition, "Operation Matthew". The competition is intended to produce a safety symbol for the 70's. Jimmy and Sian call their toy a "Crakpot".

# welcome point

**The following new Branches were formally recognised by the Central Executives at their July meeting:**

Eastbourne (Joint), Mablethorpe (Joint), Stamford (W.A.), Strode Park & Herne.

**The following Branches elected new members during the month:**

**3**—Surrey Area, Sutton in Ashfield (W.A.).

**2**—Bala, Bitterne (W.A.), Carlisle (W.A.), Central (W.A.), Coney Hall, Corby Beanfield (Joint), Hong Kong (W.A.), Khotsong (W.A.), Market Harborough (W.A.), Richmond (Surrey) (W.A.), St. Thomas (Exeter) (W.A.), Stockport (W.A.).

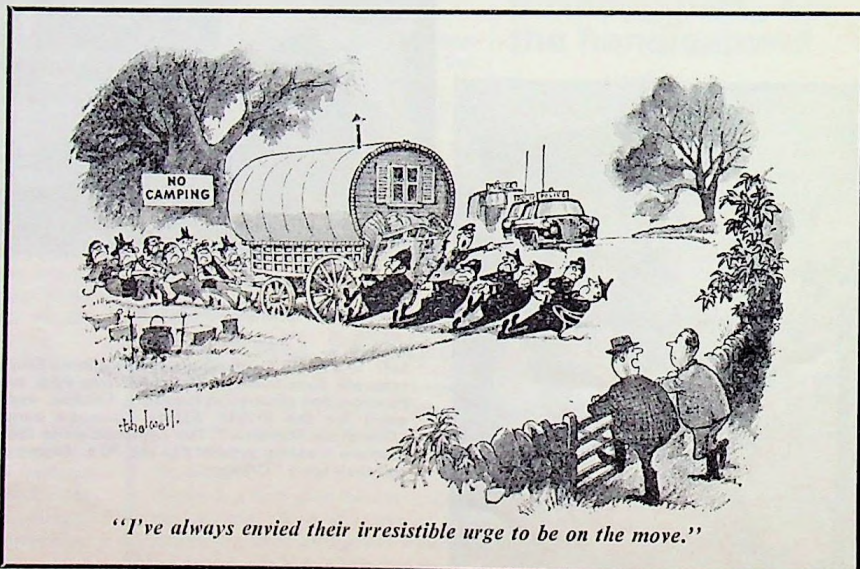
**1**—Brentwood (W.A.), Buckingham, Cambridge (W.A.), Central, Dartford (W.A.), Dinnington (W.A.), Edgware & Mill Hill (W.A.), Exmouth (W.A.), Fairways (W.A.), Gravesend (W.A.), Grays (W.A.), Hainault (Joint), Hatherleigh, Haverfordwest (W.A.), Ipswich (W.A.), Kennington (London), King's Cliffe, Leigh-on-Sea, Llandrindod Wells, Loughton, Mansfield (W.A.), Morecambe, Netherhall (W.A.), Newport, IOW (W.A.), Northiam, North Western Area, Reading (W.A.), St. Austell, South Wales Area, Stanley (W.A.), Stowmarket (W.A.), Wolverton, Wroughton, Wyke Regis (W.A.).

**65** new members were elected during July, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

## EPISODE TWO. How to move a load of Epsom Salts.

Last November a news item appeared in *Point Three* about a Cardiff Branch Sale at which everything was sold except for 200 tins of Epsom Salts. This strange story made headlines in the Welsh press. Llanllwch Branch made a bid for the lot which was accepted, gratefully we imagine. On delivery, the tins were packed into parcels of three and with full instructions on the uses of magnesium sulphate in the garden, were sold to local gardeners at 2s. per parcel. Within three weeks the original purchase price had been recovered.

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### NEW EXHIBITION KITS

New exhibition kits have been produced and are available through Regional offices. Though designed for use at schools and youth groups they will have many other uses. Can be stood on a table or hung on a notice board. The price of £1 includes a supply of free, giveaway leaflets for use at the time of the exhibition.

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us why 97 district  
teams have not  
bothered to  
appoint a  
magazine  
correspondent?



does anybody  
know why the  
correspondents  
appointed, in the  
main, represent  
joint districts?

can we assume  
that if a district  
team is not  
integrated then it  
has disintegrated?

**dare we ask those 97 to wake up – and  
appoint a correspondent this month?**